

*C1*  
3. (Amended) The optical imaging system of claim 1, wherein the first polarization direction is nominally p-polarization and the second polarization direction is nominally s-polarization.

*C2*  
10. (Amended) The optical imaging system of claim 1, wherein the color separation and recombination prism includes a Philips prism.

*C3*  
17. (Amended) The projection system of claim 13, wherein the color separation prism assembly includes a Philips prism.

Please add new claim 25 as follows:

*CA*  
25. The optical imaging system of claim 1, wherein the Cartesian polarizing beam splitter is a wire grid polarizer.

A version marked up to show changes made to the claim(s) relative to the previous version of the claim(s) is attached.